



*Seattle Department of Transportation*

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To Whom It May Concern:

Last year we notified your company of pending legislation to amend the Seattle Traffic Code (SMC 11.62) making it consistent with the Seattle Fire Code (SMC 22) regarding the transport of hazardous materials. Since this time, the Seattle Traffic Code has been updated and contains the following changes:

- 1) revised definition of hazardous materials;
- 2) restricts the transport of heating oil through the **Battery Street Tunnel at all times**, and on the Alaskan Way Viaduct during peak travel hours; and
- 3) allows the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to revise Viaduct time period restrictions.

This action makes the city's Traffic Code consistent with the Seattle Fire Code, which was changed in 2004. Changes are effective immediately.

The Seattle Department of Transportation has identified potential alternative routes for heating oil transport. Two examples are the surface Alaskan Way corridor and the Mercer Street/I-5 corridor. For more information please visit: [www.seattle.gov/transportation/freight.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/freight.htm) or contact Dawn Schellenberg at (206) 684-5189.

Sincerely,

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Attached: Media Release



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